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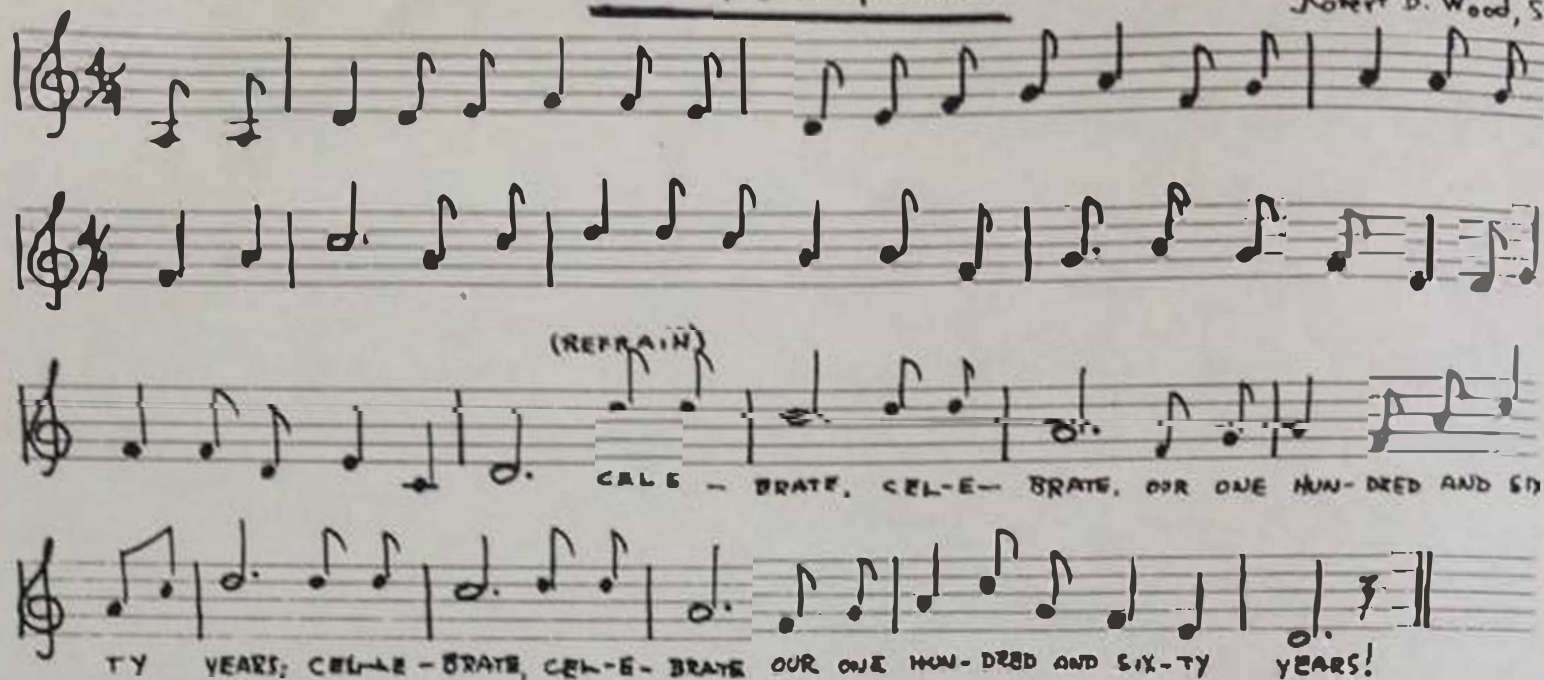
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# OUR 160 YEARS

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There was once, you must know, in the French town of Bordeaux  
A remarkable priest of God,  
An apostle of truth, and especially of the youth,  
He was called Father Chaminade. (Refrain)

He had once gone to Spain, when in France a chaos reigned,  
And the country was all dark deeds,  
And a heavenly sign at the Saragossa shrine  
Gave an answer to France's needs (Refrain)

Twenty years without rest was this man of God possessed  
With desire to fulfill his plan,  
Then one mem'orable day, it was on the first of May,  
Mary sent him the first young man. (Refrain)

There were others who came and they said they felt the same  
And they wanted to serve the Lord,  
Mary's praises he voiced, Father Chaminade rejoiced  
And his prayers found a great reward. (Refrain)

There were just seven then, only seven fervent men  
On a solemn October morn,  
Through their vows now made one, something splendid was begun,  
And a new congregation born. (Refrain)

It was long, long ago, in the French town of Bordeaux,  
Mary's banner was first unfurled,  
And the man who can't die lives with Mary up on high  
And his spirit, throughout the world! (Refrain)